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New Parking Lot in Store for Foothill Courthouse

SAN BERNARDINO – On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract to construct a new 373-space parking lot at the Foothill Communities Law and Justice Center in Rancho Cucamonga.

The County and the City of Rancho Cucamonga partnered to build the parking lot on undeveloped, County-owned land on the east side of the courthouse. The city's administrative offices are adjacent to the courthouse.

"The City and the County both need more parking to meet the needs of residents, so we came together to find a solution that worked for both of us," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane, whose district office is located in the Foothill Courthouse.

The new parking lot will have 365 standard parking stalls, two van-accessible stalls, and six stalls for disabled persons. The \$727,400 project also includes lighting, landscaping and sidewalk improvements. Construction is scheduled to begin in two weeks and is expected to be completed in about three months.

The cooperative agreement between the County and City called for the City to pay the County \$405,840 as its prorated share of the parking lot construction costs. However, the winning bid for the project was \$453,730 less than expected, so the County will recalculate the one-time cost for the City. In addition, the City will pay the County \$8,400 annually for maintenance of the parking lot.

The agreement also allows the City to utilize 80 spaces in the existing County-owned parking lot on the west side of the courthouse.